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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please consider the following remarks:

Upon entry of the Amendment of March 18, 2003, claims 1 and 3-24 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Advisory Action dated April 25, 2003, Applicants' amendment was not entered. It was stated that there is not adequate support in the specification for the use of substituents R_d - R_h as set forth in the proposed amendment.

In Applicants' Amendment dated March 18, 2003, it was stated that support for the recitation of formula (8), having substituents R_d - R_h , was provided by <u>formula (4) on page 25</u> of the specification and the paragraph on page 25, starting from line 13 and the paragraph on page 26, starting from line 16. While there is no formula that exactly corresponds to formula (8) in the specification, there are numerous examples of species that fall within the sub-genus of

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formula (8). Therefore, these examples when taken in combination with formula 4 of page 25, provide support for the recitation of formula (8).

The recited formula (8) falls within formula (4) on page 25, and one of ordinary skill would readily understand that formula (8) is encompassed by formula (4). Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the amendment be entered.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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